Pradesh Government as per the said agreement for the rehabilitation schemes being run for the gas victims?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Earlier, the Central Government had approved a five year Action Plan for the Medical, Social, Economic and Environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas victims with a total outlay of Rs.163.10 crore which was increased in stages to an outlay of Rs.258 crore. This outlay was to be shared between the Government of India and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75:25. The Central Government has already released its entire share of Rs.193.50 crore and the Action Plan has been completed in the year 1999-2000. The State Government has been informed that further funds required by them for continuously running rehabilitation programmes as envisaged in the Action Plan should be provided as a part of the State Plan in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Supply of Phosphoric Acid

†4671. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fertilizer plants in the country are not getting supply of phosphoric acid;

(b) if so, whether the crisis of supply of D.A.P. is likely to arise as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to tackle this crises?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The manufacturers/importers are free to import fertilizer raw materials/intermediates including phosphoric acid in the country. The manufacturers of phosphatic fertilizer are procuring phosphoric acid either from their Joint Ventures abroad or from the international suppliers of phosphoric acid at the price and terms & conditions negotiated by them. To ensure constant supply of phosphoric acid the Phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers have formed Phosphoric Acid Consumer Group (PACG) to negotiate the quantity & price of phosphoric acid with the international suppliers on year-to-year basis. PACG has already started negotiations for procuring phosphoric acid during the year 2005-06.

(c) DAP is a decontrolled fertilizer and its availability depends on market forces of demand & supply. The Government is keeping a watch on

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availability of phosphatic & Potassic fertilisers as per assessed requirement. However, to meet any sudden spurt in the demand of these fertilizers the Government is also maintaining buffer stock of DAP.

Chinese co-operation in pharma industry

4672. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian pharmaceutical companies have discussed number of issues with the representatives of Chinese companies who were accompanying the Prime Minister of China during his visit to India;

(b) if so, whether both Indian and Chinese pharmaceutical companies have reached an agreement;

(c) if so, the main points of agreement reached; and

(d) to what extent China has agreed to help Indian pharmaceutical companies and has opened their way in China, so that both countries could gain lot of experience on pharmaceutical issue?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Sandhu Committee on drug prices

†4673. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sandhu Committee has submitted its recommendations for providing medicines at cheaper rates to common men in the country;

(b) if so, the details of those recommendations;

(c) whether cheaper medicines would be available after the implementation of those recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme to implement these recommendations in the country?

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